

## Why family ministry?

As we fast approach the arrival of an Associate Pastor of Family Ministry this question may still be floating around in your head. Most of us have heard of “Youth Pastors,” and “Music Pastors,” and “Children’s Pastors” but what exactly is family pastor and why go that direction? I’m glad you asked.

A Question for you...

Do you believe it is important for our children to know  
God and grow in faith and character?

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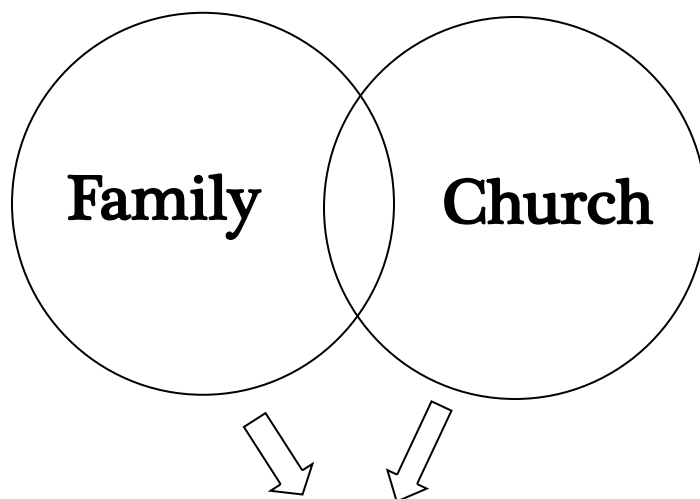
A biblical model for raising children who know God and grow in faith and character

### Primary Influence

Parents are the primary spiritual  
trainers of their children.  
(Deuteronomy 6:7)

### Supportive Network

The church provides families with a  
community of encouragement, training,  
support, and reinforcement for the  
spiritual lessons being taught at home.  
(Hebrews 10:25)



The impact of two combined influences is greater than just two influences.  
The light of the church,      The love of the family

### Co-Champions in the Cause

Family ministry combines the efforts of home and church to build faith and character in our sons and daughters, synchronizing our efforts by implementing a comprehensive strategy from preschool to college that fuels a passion in the heart of every generation to love God and love others.

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### **5 Reason for Family Ministry at MorningStar Baptist Church:**

- 1) Family ministry intentionally aligns us with God's design in creation in which He created the institution of marriage and family as the foundation for human life, society, and the church. (Genesis 1,2)
- 2) Emphasizing family ministry positions us to more effectively call and equip parents to be the primary spiritual trainers of their children. (Genesis 18:18, Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Ephesians 6:4)
- 3) Family ministry combines the efforts and influence of the only two institutions that are committed to the spiritual growth of our children against the myriad of influences seeking to steal the hearts of our children away from God.
- 4) Family ministry is the most effective strategy for establishing and sustaining lasting discipleship that is passed on from generation to generation.
- 5) Strengthening families strengthens the church. Thriving churches are built upon thriving families.